

## **Constitution - Bude Community Cinema**

### **1. Name**

The organisation shall be known as Bude Community Cinema, referred to here as 'BCC'.

### **2. Objective**

The objective of BCC is to advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts, particularly the art of film and allied visual techniques, by means of the showing of films. Where practicable, films relating to Cornwall and its heritage and culture, will be included.

In pursuit of its objective, BCC shall be non-profit making and non-political, ie it shall not espouse the cause of any political party.

### **3. Membership**

- a) Membership of BCC is open to anyone over the age of eighteen, on payment of the current subscription and at the discretion of the committee.
- b) The Secretary, or other such appointed member, shall maintain a list of current members.
- c) Members will also be entitled to attend film screenings as part of their membership as set out from time to time in the programme organised by the Committee.

### **4. Management**

- a) BCC shall be governed by the law of England and Wales.
- b) BCC shall be managed by a Committee of not less than 5 members or more than 10. The Committee shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other Officers as may from time to time be appointed.
- c) The Committee shall be elected at a General Meeting and hold office until their successors are elected at an Annual General Meeting. The Committee may co-opt members if required.
- d) The Committee of BCC shall be responsible for the selection of films.
- e) The annual membership subscription shall be determined by the Committee.
- f) No member shall receive payment directly or indirectly for their services or for anything other than legitimate expenses incurred on behalf of BCC.

### **5. Meetings**

- a) Members of BCC shall be entitled to attend all general meetings. Each member shall be entitled to one vote. The chairman of any meeting shall not be entitled to a 'casting' vote.
- b) BCC shall hold a General Meeting at least once a year.
- c) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Committee or upon written request being made of the Committee signed by at least 20% of members.
- d) Fourteen days notice shall be given of any General Meeting. This notice may be in the form of a letter, electronic mail or by way of an announcement in a local newspaper.
- e) The quorum for General Meetings shall be 25% of Members.
- f) The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be 4 and meetings shall be held as and when required.
- g) BCC shall not be wound up except by a resolution of 75% of those present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of a winding up, the remaining funds of BCC shall not be distributed among the Members but be passed to a non-profit making organisation or organisations with objects similar to those of BCC. Such organisations shall be chosen by the Committee in consultation with the British Federation of Film Societies or like organisation.

### **5. Finances**

- a) The Treasurer shall present a statement of the accounts of BCC at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Accounts are to be inspected by an independent person and confirmed as an accurate summary of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities.
- c) BCC shall not be run for the private profit of any member or members. Any balance at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to the Objective of BCC.

### **5. Alteration of this Constitution**

No alteration of this Constitution shall be made except by a resolution of 67% of those present at a General Meeting. No amendment shall be made which would cause BCC to cease to be a not-for-profit organisation.